



# News Release

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## Wisconsin Army Guard volunteers will help protect military air bases

Approximately 100 Wisconsin Army National Guard soldiers will be activated next week to augment security at one Air Force Reserve base and two Air National Guard bases in Wisconsin. The Army Guard troops will be reducing the burden on base security forces personnel who are now well into their second year of active duty since they were mobilized in the weeks following September 11, 2001.

The soldiers, all volunteers from the 32nd "Red Arrow" Brigade, are taking part in a nationwide mobilization of about 9,000 members of the Army National Guard, who will assist security forces at 163 Air Force, Air Guard and Air Force Reserve facilities across the country.

This activation is not related to the Guard's temporary mission to provide additional security at nine Wisconsin airports from September 2001 through May 2002.

The Army National Guard will augment base security at the installations for up to two years while the Air Force phases in permanent solutions to meet its force protection requirements.

This will be the 17th Wisconsin National Guard mobilization since the end of the Gulf War in 1991, when more than 1,400 Wisconsin Army and Air National Guard personnel from nine units were mobilized.

Mobilization of these soldiers will bring the total number of Wisconsin National Guard soldiers and airmen on active duty to about 760. In addition to the security task force, there are currently five Army National Guard units and three Air Guard units on active duty. More than 1,450 Wisconsin National Guard soldiers and airmen will have served on active duty during the past 16 months.

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**EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS:** Soldiers volunteering for this mission will be completing pre-mobilization processing at the Wisconsin National Guard state headquarters in Madison today [Jan. 23]. Interested news media organizations are welcome to cover soldier processing and may conduct interviews with the task force commander. Please contact Tim Donovan [608-242-3050] before you arrive so that arrangements can be made to allow access to our building. The Guard's state headquarters is located at 2400 Wright Street in Madison.